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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bradly A. JENDERSEE et al.	
Serial No.: 09/189,597	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: June 13, 2000	Examiner: William LEWIS
For: **STENT DELIVERY AND DEPLOYMENT METHOD**	Atty. Docket No.: P107 CON 1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

Prior to examining the application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

In The Claims

Please add the following new claims:

20 ~~35~~. A method of forming a stent delivery system, the method comprising:

providing a delivery catheter having a distal portion;

placing a stent on the delivery catheter distal portion whereby a portion of the delivery catheter distal portion encapsulates at least a portion of the stent; and

heating at least the portion of the delivery catheter distal portion encapsulating the portion of the stent.